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BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTES.

THE PERIPLUS OF THE ERYTHRAEAN SEA. By *Wilfred H. Schoff*. New York: Longmans, Green and Company, 1912. Pp. 323. Price \$2.00 net.

"Periplus" means circumnavigation and may be freely translated "log book" or "description of a sea voyage." There are several antique books which bear the same title, and the present work refers to that body of water which in modern times is known as the Indian Ocean, together with the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. This record describes the voyage from place to place of an ancient merchant vessel and is of great interest in the history of trading. The book itself is not long. It contains only 28 pages of English text, but the translation has been made with great care. Very full notes explain the terms used, the merchandise traded and the historical connections, and these cover pages 50 and 282; tables are appended listing articles of trade and rulers mentioned and dates variously assigned to the original, a map indicates the ports touched at and helps the readers to understand the geography of our travelers. The book is furnished with a very thorough topical index covering thirty two-columned pages. The work is creditable to the spirit of the Commercial Museum of Philadelphia, which has brought it out. W. P. Wilson, the director of the Philadelphia museums, says in his foreword:

"The Periplus of the Erythræan Sea is the first record of organized trading with the nations of the East, in vessels built and commanded by subjects of the Western world. The notes add great interest, giving as they do an exhaustive survey of the international trade between the great empires of Rome, Parthia, India and China, together with a collection of facts touching the early trade of a number of other countries of much interest." κ

THE INDIVIDUAL AND REALITY. By *Edward Douglas Fawcett*. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1909. Pp. 449.

The author writes as one having authority. He considers himself a free lance, since he is independent of any school of philosophy or religion, and therefore "free to ignore all traditions and conventions and go straight to reality in the search for truth." The present volume is intended to supersede a former one to which he refers as "*my Riddle*." This former work was read with enormous satisfaction by the late Prof. William James, and the fact that this same thinker considers his book "as a great and powerful agency in the spreading of truth" is regarded by the author as sufficient justification for its appearance. Mr. Fawcett credits the source of his thinking to the anti-